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SUBJECT: SHIPMENT OF REMAINS - CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST

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1. ITINERARY FOR MEMBERS OF SALAH FAMILY WHO WILL ACCOMPANY REMAINS OF BONNIE SALAH AS FOLLOWS: DEPAMMAN 0945 SEPT 7 VIA MEA 313 FOR BEIRUT, DEP BEIRUT FOR LONDON VIA MEA 201 1200, SEPT 7, DEP LONDON VIA TWA 701 1645 SEPT 7 TO ARRIVE JFK AIRPORT, NY 2035. DEP NY 1825, SEPT 8 VIA BRANIF 119 TO ARRIVE LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS AT 2133. REQUEST DEPARTMENT NOTIFY MR OR MRS WILLIAM CATE, 1012 SOUTH CHILTON STREET, TYLER, TEXAS. ALSO REQUEST DEPARTMENT NOTIFY WESTBROOK BURIAL ASSOCIATION, HAZEN, ARKANSAS OF ITINERARY AND ASK TO MEET.

2. BARRING LAST MINUTE CHANGES ONLY MR MAHMOUD SALAH, OLDER BROTHER OF MUWAFFAQ, HUSBAND OF BONNIE SALAH, AND HAMAD KHORMA, FRIEND OF FAMILY WILL ACCOMPANY REMAINS. LATE THIS EVENING MUWAFFAQ DECIDED HE DOES NOT WANT HIS SON ADHAM TO BE RAISED BY MATERNAL GRANDPARENTS AND DECIDED NEITHER HE NOR SON WILL ACCOMPANY REMAINS. BROTHER MAHMOUD IS HOPING TO CHANGE HIS MIND BEFORE DEPARTURE TOMORROW MORNING.

3. MUWAFFAQ IS LISTED IN VLOB INDICATING THAT US SECRET SERVICE HAS INFORMATION. BROTHER MAHMOUD STATED TO CONSOFF THAT UNCLASSIFIED

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BONNIE AND MUWAFFAQ HAD TOLD HIM THAT MUWAFFAQ JAILED IN LOS

ANGELES FOR SEVERAL DAYS BUT CHARGES EVENTUALLY DROPPED. HE BELIEVED IT WAS OVER MISUNDERSTANDING OF MUWAFFAQ'S INVOLVEMENT WITH POSSIBLE PALESTINIAN ORGANIZATION. ALTHOUGH IT DOES NOT APPEAR MUWAFFAQ WILL GO TO USA EMBASSY STRONGLY URGES ISSUANCES OF VISA IF HE CHANGES MIND AS THIS ONLY WAY SON ADHAM WILL BE ALLOWED TO GO TO USA. MOST MEMBERS OF SALAH FAMILY HERE BELIEVE IT IN BEST INTERESTS OF ADHAM TO BE BROUGHT UP BY MATERNAL GRANDPARENTS. IF MUWAFFAQ CHANGES MIND WE PLAN ISSUE ONE ENTRY VISA VALID FOR THREE MONTHS UNLESS ADVISED OTHERWISE BY DEPARTMENT BEFORE 0800 AMMAN TIME SEPTEMBER 7.

4. BROTHER MAHMOUD HAS BEEN VERY HELPFUL AND IN CONTACT WITH MR AND MRS CATE. HE IS DOING EVERYTHING HE CAN TO CONVINCE MUWAFFAQ TO SEND ADHAM TO GRANDPARENTS IN USA.

5. FYI: CONSOFF SPOKE WITH MINISTRY OF HEALTH MD WHO PERFORMED AUTOPSY AND EMBALMING. HE STATED FINAL LAB REPORTS NOT YET IN BUT THAT HE FOUND NO RPT NO SIGN OF VIOLENCE AND LISTED CAUSE OF DEATH AS ACUTE HEART AND RESPIRATORY FAILURE. WE HAVE BEEN PROMISED COPIES OF FINAL AUTOPSY REPORT AND POLICE INVESTIGATION AND WILL FORWARD FINDINGS TO DEPARTMENT WHEN AVAILABLE.

6. FYI: BELIEVE BODY NOT RPT NOT SUITABLE FOR VIEWING IN PRESENT STATE. BODY WAS FOUND IN POSITION OF HEAD LOWER THAN FEET RESULTING IN HYPOSTASIS (BLOOD COLLECTING IN HEAD AND UPPER EXTREMITIES). THIS, ACCORDING TO THE MD PERFORMING THE AUTOPSY, CAUSED THE HEAVY BRUISE-LIKE DISCOLORATION ON THE HEAD, NECK, ARMS AND HANDS.
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